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SUBJECT: US/GDR CONSULAR CONVENTION NEGOTIATIONS:

POLISH PROBING ON NATIONALITY

1. AT A RECENT SOCIAL EVENT GIVEN BY AN FRG  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIN OFFICER MIECZYSLAW GLANC,  
POLISH EMBASSY COUNSELOR FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS, ASKED AN  
EMBASSY OFFICER WHY THE U.S. WAS "HAVING TROUBLE WITH A  
NATIONALITY DEFINITION" IN CONCLUDING A CONSULAR CONVENTION  
WITH THE GDR. AFTER LISTENING TO AN EXPLANATION OF THE  
U.S. POSITION ON THIS QUESTION, GLANC RESPONDED BY FIRST  
NOTING THAT, AS CONSULAR RELATIONS BETWEEN SOCIALIST  
STATES HAD A DIFFERENT CHARACTER FROM THOSE BETWEEN OR  
INVOLVING NON-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, A NATIONALITY CLAUSE  
WAS NOT ESSENTIAL" IN CONSULAR CONVENTIONS BETWEEN  
SOCIALIST STATES. HE THEN WONDERED WHY THE U.S. CONTINUED  
TO HAVE PROBLEMS SINCE "THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES" SUCH  
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AS FINLAND AND AUSTRIA HAD ACCEPTED SUCH A CLAUSE. THE

U.K. HAD WORKED OUT "A LETTER" AS PART OF THE SOLUTION TO THIS ISSUES, " AND THE FRENCH WILL PROBABLY CONCLUDE SOMETHING THIS WEEK". EMBOFF MERELY REPEATED THE U.S. POSITION SEVERAL TIMES AND ENDED BY SAYING THAT WE WOULD NOT ACCEPT A NATIONALIY DEFINITION.

2. COMMENT: GLANC, WHO ARRIVED IN BERLIN ABOUT FOUR MONTHS AGO, KNEW HIS BRIEF WELL AND PRESSED HARD ON NATIONALITY. ALTHOUGH OTHER WARSAW PACT DIPLOMATS HERE HAVE DELICATELY PROBED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE U.S. POSITION ON NATIONALITY IS HOLDING, THIS IS THE FIRST TIMEONE OF THEM HAS SUPPORTED THE GDR POSITION. HE DID NOT DEAL WITH THE GDR'S POLITICAL MOTIVATION BEHIND ITS DEMAND FOR A NATIONALITY DEFINITION. HE SEEMED TO BE SAYING THATWESTERN SOLIDARITY ON THIS QUESTION HAD DISAPPEARED AND THE U.S. WAS IN DANGER OF BEING LEFT OUT IN THE COLD.GROVE

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